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Herbarium of A. H. Curtiss,

Talleyrand Place, near
Jacksonville, Florida., Jan 4 1877

Rev. [illegible], Esq.

My Dear Sir

[illegible] obligation [illegible]
[illegible] Nov. 3, 13, 1[illegible] 17.
[illegible] at last send you [illegible]
[illegible] - I would that I could
express my gratitude for your
generous services, but words are
things. Of uncertain value, too
often put to the use for which
Talleyrand held them were made.
To business: Please cancel the
obligations of Messrs. Worlson, Watt,
Maximowicz & Keck - I know of no
individual botanist now indebted
to me - But Weigel had 2 of Fasc. I
I think I rec'd payt. for one & 2 " " II.
You wrote me, last summer or spring
"Weigel of Leipsic, has taken 2 sets of Fasc.

are in, or the full set, which is all there is left" - Do he owes either 4 or 3 or 5 sets - If you did not send him the "full set", I wish to have it sent to St. Petersburg directed to "The Imperial Botanic Garden, St. Petersburg, Russia - Care of W. Minlos, Lubeck" - I hope to have a new series of Fasc. 172 ready a year from now. I expect to obtain materials for Fasc. IV from other S. collectors -

Please let me know whether you have the sets for St. Petersburg or not: I was much interested in your final determinations of my Indian R. plants. I cannot say whether Aristida cristata is annual or perennial - took branches for specimens, & did not think of this root, nor anything else except leaves & culms.

The Comr of Agriculture has written to me about going to Key Biscayne to make an investigation in regard to wild Coffee. If I can get the Insurance Co. to risk 10,000. on me I think I will go.

We are about to organize a Scientific botanical club in Jacksonville. There is but little material at present, but this seed might be planted & nursed along in time grow to fair proportions. If you have anything pertaining to the organization of such societies - by-laws or regulations - which you can spare, please send it - & we will put it in our corner stone, and when you come to Jacksonville we will give you a scientific reception - The world moves!!

Yours very truly

A. H. Curtiss